

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Proposal for diversion of 477.03 Ha of Forest land in Kondapuram Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division for Kondapuram underground mine project Manuguru in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 34

Dated.29.06.2015.

Read the following:

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.1150/2009-F1,
Dated:05-08-2009.
2. Govt. Letter No. 5850/FOR.I (1)/2009-1, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.
Dated:25-09-2009.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF, New Delhi Lr.No. F.No.8-71/2009-FC
Dt. 05.04.2011.
4. From PCCF, T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.1150/2009/FCA-1/TS,
Dated:03.02.2015.
5. Govt. Letter No.5850/FOR.I (1)/2009, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.,
Dated:12-02-2015.
6. From Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.No. F.No.8-71/
2009-FC, dt. 18.05.2015.

ORDER

In his letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 477.03 Ha of Forest land in Kondapuram Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division for Kondapuram underground mine project Manuguru in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.
3. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
4. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi for according necessary approval.
5. In their letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 477.03 Ha of Forest land in Kondapuram Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division for Kondapuram underground mine project Manuguru in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

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- (i) Legal status of the diverted Forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (iii) The forest land on surface of the mining lease shall be fenced and afforested by the user agency at the project cost;
- (iv) The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 as amended or the Rules framed there under;
- (v) User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department, shall undertake gap planting and soil moisture conservator activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100m from outer perimeter of the mining lease.
- (vi) The user agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five Km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation, of, such tanks/water bodies, whenever required.
- (vii) The State Government and the user agency shall execute mitigation/ameliorative measures recommended by the Standing Committee of the NBWL at the project cost;
- (viii) To enrich the buffer area and to mitigate the impact of mining, provisions given in the approved action plan for Environmental Management shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- (ix) The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking; due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Telangana State and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (South-Eastern Zone), Chennai. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may recommend to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, suitable penal action to be taken against the proponent;
- (x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xi) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuel, preferably LPG for at the site so as to avoid any damages pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (xii) The boundary of the mining lease and safety zone shall be demarcated on ground at, the project cost, by erecting four feet reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS co-ordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from adjoining pillars;

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- (xiii) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xiv) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.
- (xv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xvi) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

7. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To
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Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER